

Reopen Probe Of Shooting, Wallace Asks

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Gov. George C. Wallace believes that Arthur Bremer, the man convicted of attempting to assassinate him three years ago in a Laurel, Md. shopping center, did not write the diary which investigators found and which they said is evidence that Bremer acted alone.

In a two-hour interview with this reporter in his state capitol office, Wallace and his wife Cornelia both affirmed their conviction that the assassination attempt was the product of a conspiracy and that the investigation of the case should be reopened.

Wallace said he believes that "a team of investigators that are intent on doing a good job and not covering up anything could maybe get to the bottom of it. I just don't see how a man in his (Bremer's) financial condition could travel around, buy an automobile, and guns, and stay at hotels and motels and things of that sort."

WALLACE TERMED the diary "self serving" and said that spelling errors in it seemed contrived to him.

(Although Wallace said he has not read Gore Vidal's article on the diary, his views correspond closely with Vidal's analysis which appeared in a December 1973 issue of The New York Review of Books. Vidal compared the Bremer diary's literary style to that of former White House operative E. Howard Hunt, the ex-CIA agent, member of the "Plumbers unit" and author of several novels.)

Wallace stopped short of implicating what he referred to as the "dirty tricksters men" in the effort to kill him, but it was clear that the possibility of White House involvement has not entirely escaped his attention, and that he is convinced that a cover-up of the investigation into his shooting may have occurred.

"IT WOULD BE highly and totally unfair," Wallace said, for him to point the finger at any particular persons "in view of the fact that I don't have any information."

Wallace said also that he believes the investigation into the assassinations of Martin Luther King and the two Kennedy brothers should be re-

opened, but he declined to link his shooting with any of the three others.

Wallace, who had put in a full day in his office after traveling to Mobile, Ala., for a speaking engagement the previous evening, showed no signs of fatigue. He talked at length on a wide range of topics and, near the end, affirmed his intention to run again for the presidency. Asked whether he would be a candidate, Wallace responded, "The chances are more likely that I will than I won't, yes."

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